

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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America relies upon the men and women of the military to protect the freedoms that we all enjoy, and America's disabled veterans have paid a heavy price for their military service. Yet many of these veterans sometimes suffer disadvantages after they leave their military life and enter the business world. The County of Los Angeles needs to acknowledge and address the economic disadvantages for veterans with service-connected disabilities, who have made extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our country.

To address this need, I recommend that the Internal Services Department (ISD) work with County Counsel to establish a Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise preference program. This program would provide a bid price preference in County solicitations for goods and services, similar to our established Small Business Program.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel and ISD to do the following:

1. Submit for Board consideration within 60 days an Ordinance amending Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code establishing a Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Preference Program that provides for a purchasing and

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contracting bid preference to veterans with service-connected disabilities, and work with our Board's Executive Officer to provide appropriate legal notice of the Board's consideration of the Ordinance as well as ensure that the requisite number of public hearing dates are observed for reading of the ordinance.

2. Upon adoption of the Ordinance, ISD, in consultation with County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office, issue interpretations of the Ordinance and written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of the Ordinance.

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